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REPRESENTS TORRANCE . . . 15-year-old Sharon Smith, of 22828 Avis St., a student at North High School, will represent Torrance in the "Miss Friendship" festival at Alondra Park after she was chosen here yesterday morning. Here she receives the queen's bouquet from Chairman Walter A. Garrabrant of the sponsoring Chamber of Commerce.

EXTENSIVE STREET PROJECT PROPOSED

New Signals Recommended

An extensive street project financed with gas tax funds which would include improvements on 190th St., Arlington, Torrance Blvd., as well as new signal installations has been recommended to the City Council by City Engineer Ronald Bishop.

Improvement of 190th St. from Western Ave. to Hawthorne is scheduled along with the opening of Arlington Ave. from 190th St. to 203rd.

In addition to this, Bishop is recommending that Carson St. be opened from Madrona Ave. to Hawthorne at a cost of approximately \$38,600. He also recommends that Arlington be improved north of 190th St. to 174th. This would cost about \$90,000 for grading, base, and pavement, the engineer reports.

To Save Street

Torrance Blvd. should be resurfaced from Madrona Ave. to the Redondo line to arrest deterioration, Bishop said. Cost of this would be about \$59,400.

Including the traffic installation at Pacific Coast Hwy. and Calle Mayor, already ordered, the cost of all of the projects would be about \$198,000, leaving approximately \$13,000 of the \$212,000 fund, he said. Part of the \$13,000 should be spent for new traffic signals at 190th and Crenshaw, Bishop recommends.

New Signals

The Council already has voted to use county "aid to cities" funds to install new signals at Torrance Blvd. and Crenshaw and at 182nd St. and Crenshaw. The present Torrance Blvd. signal will be moved to 182nd St. and Prairie.

Recommendations of the city engineers will be considered by the Council at its 5:30 p.m. meeting Tuesday. Other matters to be considered include:

1. Job descriptions for police officer, police matron, file clerk, traffic painting leadman, concrete construction leadman, and street maintenance leadman.
2. Consideration of Case No.

417 for multiple dwelling units in north Torrance.

3. Reports from planning director on signs and billboards.
4. Ordinance granting franchise to Weber-Butler Oil Co.
5. Ordinance governing off-street parking in commercial zones.

Lomita Makes Another Bid To Incorporate

Petitions signed by nearly 1000 persons asking for an election to determine whether the citizens of Lomita want a city of their own have been filed with the County Board of Supervisors.

Filing of the petitions a few hours before the deadline marks another round in the long battle to incorporate the Lomita area into a city.

A report on the petitions will be made to the Board of Supervisors by the end of May, and if found sufficient, will go before the boundary commission for a hearing.

An election would follow the boundary hearing about three months — or probably some time this fall.

Opposing the incorporation move in Lomita are two groups — the Lomita Property Owners and Registered Voters' Assn., and the Lomita Civic League. Each have charged the pro-incorporationists with misleading the residents of the area with the threat of a Torrance annexation.

"They can't annex us unless we want to be annexed," a spokesman for one of the groups told The HERALD yesterday.

Planners Submit Bldg Tract Again

Rezoning the area immediately west of the Civic Center received the recommendation of the Torrance Planning Commission Wednesday night, providing it meets the specifications of a controlled manufacturing zone ordinance now being prepared.

The tract was sent back to the Planning Commission by the City Council, which objected to original provisions for 10,000 square foot agricultural lots. These are eliminated in the new plans.

As adopted by the planners, the layout would be approximately as follows:

Manufacturing—Land north of Spencer St. between Hawthorne and Madrona Ave. and on the south side of Spencer and Amie.

Commercial—Hawthorne, between Spencer and Torrance Blvd.; Emerald between Hawthorne and Amie; and the north side of Torrance Blvd. between Amie and Madrona.

Residential—both sides of Maricopa between Madrona and Amie, and along Madrona.

Controlled manufacturing zoning would be allowed on the north side of Spencer between Amie and Madrona. The matter again will go before the city council.

The matter will go back to the City Council for another hearing.

The request of Harry L. Griffin for a variance to operate a lawnmower manufacturing plant at 20502 Hawthorne Ave. was recommended for approval by the Planners, providing his operations do not disturb the neighbors. The commission was told that the plant would be used mainly for assembly and that testing of the motors would be done by means of a "silent muffler."

Protest Received

One protest was received on the petition of T. M. Normann for a change of zone to allow heavy manufacturing of electronic products at 1948 W. 174th St. Charles Stearns, proprietor of a nearby trailer park, said he believed the operation would be too noisy.

The Thiem Manufacturing Co. would be located on the land. Three letters of approval were presented.

Planners also set a May 15 hearing date on the rezoning behind the old City Hall, El Prado and Cravens.

A letter from J. George Wright of the Don-Ja-Ran Corp. was read, stating that his firm planned to build 80 apartment hotel units on the site along Torrance Beach at the Palos Verdes line, with additional construction of more units later.

Hotel Eyed

Planners eyed the letter as a possible breach of contract, since the property was rezoned R-4 for a resort-type hotel and the group felt that the new plans sounded like a motel.

They took the matter under study, with the possible revocation of the R-4 variance (Continued on Page 2)

Home Rule Threatened In Jail Bill

Protest of Acting Police Chief Percy Bennett that a bill now in the legislature might strip Torrance and other cities of its jail facilities has received the backing of the City Council.

In a resolution directed to the State Senate committee studying Senate Bill 2576, which would limit operations of jails to the county level.

"Section 4022a which would be added to the Penal Code for the state would mean the city could not operate its own jail," Bennett warned the Council earlier this week.

The bill, introduced by Senator Fred S. Farr, Democrat, of Carmel, would add this section:

"4022a. After Jan. 1, 1962, no jail, lockup, or other similar place of detention or imprisonment, other than a facility maintained by the Department of Corrections shall be owned, kept, maintained, or operated by any public agency in this State other than a county."

"Such a bill would cause undue hardship of cities now operating their own jails," Bennett warned.

A strong protest was ordered by the Council on the bill. "This is just another attempt to reduce home rule," City Manager George Stevens said.

City Studies Mining Zone

Setting up a possible mining zone in the city's land use ordinances will be studied, the Torrance Planning Commission decided Wednesday night.

A number of city officials will eye creation of zoning as a way to control digging operations, ranging from clay to sand excavations here.

Recently, a court decision reversed the city's denial of a variance for a diatomaceous earth mine in the south part of town.

Such zoning would presumably apply to sand and gravel pits.

Study of Family History Leads to Reunion Here

It was an empty branch on a family tree which led this week to the reunion of an 87-year-old Torrance woman with two of her nephews, one whom she had never met and the other whom she last saw more than 60 years ago.

Mrs. Sarah Montgomery engaged in a chatty reunion with her nephews, William Herman Burton, 62, Nashville, Tenn., and Fred N. Scofield, 77, Victoria, British Columbia.

The happy gathering took place at the home of Mrs. Montgomery's daughter, Mrs. Jack Tinkle, 4055 Newton St. Reunion Aided

It was Scofield's hobby of working with family trees that led to the reunion with Burton, whose mother, a sister of Mrs. Montgomery, had died when he was three days old. After that, he lost contact with the rest of his mother's relatives.

In developing the family tree, Scofield found one missing link in an otherwise complete chain. He wrote to all of his relatives to see if anyone knew what had become of his late aunt's son. Finally, he wrote to the Chamber of Commerce at Nashville, the last known place that Burton lived. Ironically enough, Burton had returned to his old home only two years ago after a 40-year army career which took him to all parts of the globe.

Sought Bowens
"All over the world, I used to look up people named Bowen, which was my mother's maiden name," Burton said. "Although I found many, none of them were related to me. What I didn't realize was that it was spelled Bowin."

Through the years, Scofield corresponded with Mrs. Montgomery, although he last saw her more than 60 years ago when he was a boy in Texas. He was delighted to learn many details about his childhood from "Aunt Sarah." Burton and Scofield arranged to be in Torrance at the

same time to be with their aunt, who has three children, eight grandchildren, and 10 great grandchildren.

Served 40 Years
Burton, who retired two years ago as a colonel, served 40 years through four wars—a Mexican police action in 1916, World War I, World War II, and the Korean War. A World War I pilot, he later transferred to the military police, engaged in criminal investigation. He now works for the veterans administration.

Scofield is a retired representative for Wrigley's Chewing Gum. He started work for the firm in 1906, before the gum was nationally popular, and helped to start new offices all over the United States, and moved to Canada in 1911, opening new offices there as well. He is also a former president of the Manitoba Speed Skating Assn. Nowadays, he spends much time working on the family tree.

Notable Family
Some of the facts he has shaken from the family tree

are quite noteworthy. He claims descent from William the Conqueror and traces his lineal ancestry back as far as 443 B.C. to one Antenor, king of the Cimmerians, an ancient people who lived near the Sea of Azov.

A complete family tree is available only back as far as George Tyrell of Thornton, England, who died on May 16, 1571. Scofield's findings indicate that many of his ancestors were lords and high officials, and that some migrated to Virginia under crown grants about 1650. He discovered that the name had undergone several changes in spelling over the years — Tirel, Tyrell, Terrell, and Terrill.

Terrell Descendents
Scofield, Burton, and Mrs. Montgomery all are descendants on the female side from Dr. Joel Terrell, who came to Texas during the last century.

Mrs. Montgomery was born in Grimes county, Texas, and lived there until nine years ago when she moved to Torrance to be with her daughter.

Smoke Does Not Always Mean Fire

Where there's smoke there's not always fire. Torrance fire engines roared to battle three blazes Thursday, but the only equipment actually used was a screwdriver.

Somebody left a dry coffee pot on and employees at the Playwood Manufacturing Co. of California, Inc., 2201 Dominguez St., thought that the smoke meant the building was on fire. The trouble was halted by pulling the plug on the scorched pot.

A short on a TV set caused it to smoke at the home of John L. Theobald, 1503 Date Ave. The trouble, a short, was adjusted with a screwdriver.

A broken compressor belt was the guilty party at the third alarm at a service station at 1518 Cabrillo Ave. James High, attendant, called firemen because the compressor was smoking.

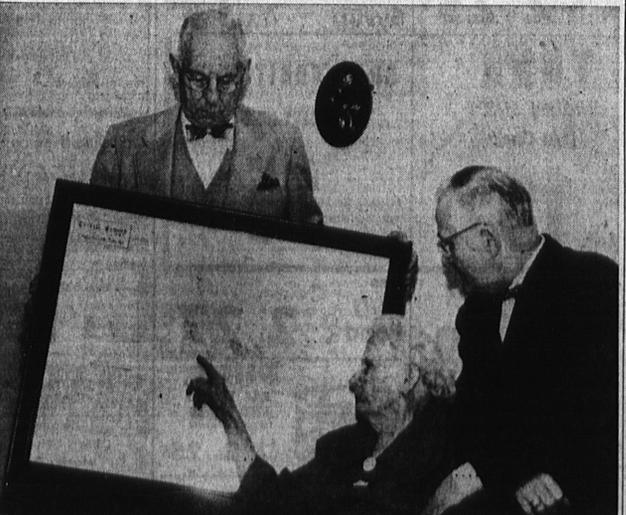
Kornblum Ave. Residents Seek End to 'Corn'

The residents of Kornblum Ave. are getting sick and tired of corny jokes about "the corny people who live on corny Kornblum Ave." They want the name changed — to almost anything else.

Residents of the street between 168th and 171st St. all have signed a petition asking a change in the name. It was presented to the Planning Commission Wednesday.

Mrs. Dan McLayne, chairman of a committee, declared that the name, Kornblum, led to many jokes which residents don't like. "After all, when you put \$20,000 into a house, you like to have it sound nice too," she declared. "You don't want people making corny jokes about it all the time. It may have been a fine name once, but we don't like it."

The matter was referred to the street-naming division of the city.



THEY SHOOK THE FAMILY TREE . . . Enjoying a happy reunion this week were Col. William Burton, Nashville, Tenn.; Mrs. Sarah Montgomery, 4055 Newton St.; and Fred N. Scofield, Victoria, B. C., shown here studying their family tree. Burton and Scofield (left) are Mrs. Montgomery's nephews. Scofield's interest in the family tree led to the discovery of Burton, who had lost contact with the rest of his family. This group can trace their ancestry back to 443 B.C.



HERALD EDITOR FETED . . . Miss Edna Cloyd (center), women's editor of The HERALD, is here feted by Mrs. James K. Lees (left) of the Junior Women's Club and Mrs. Lee A. McCoy of the Torrance Women's Club for her assistance in helping the two clubs win trophies in recent press book competition.

Temperatures

	High	Low
Sunday	68	50
Monday	68	52
Tuesday	67	51
Wednesday	71	49
Thursday	68	52
Friday	73	48